

ABSTRACT

The present invention provides a method of non-contact, ink jet print head nozzle plate surface cleaning. The method disclosed, enables simultaneous non-contact cleaning of all nozzles of a print head nozzle plate having a major and minor dimension and ink ejecting nozzles spanning most of the major dimension. The simultaneous non-contact cleaning of all nozzles of the print head is achieved by providing a print head cleaning arrangement having a pressurized air flow emerging from an air exit slit of length exceeding nozzle plate major dimension.